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## **Permit Conditions**

Conditions are specific practices or requirements that an applicant must follow upon issuance of a permit to make it unlikely that actions under the permit would result in the introduction or dissemination of a plant pest or noxious weed.

APHIS proposes to revise permit conditions to clarify that the Administrator may add to a permit:

- A core set of permit conditions,
- Additional permit conditions based upon permit type and environmental release category, and
- Any additional conditions specific to the permit.

### **Assignment of Permit Conditions**

Permit conditions cover a range of issues from shipping requirements and release protocols to reporting, recordkeeping, and training requirements. Permit conditions would be established in proportion to the risk presented by the permitted activity. APHIS would utilize the flexibility of permit conditions to implement its proposed four-category permitting system for environmental releases of plants. The permit conditions for individual permits would be modified or augmented by APHIS based upon each specific release.

# **Proposed Changes and Clarifications to Permit Conditions**

- Revise the application information requirements and permit conditions for all permit types
- Clarify the administrative procedures in permitting for (1) the explicit agreement of the responsible person to comply with regulatory requirements of the permit, and (2) amendment of existing permit conditions
- Eliminate the shipping container and marking and identity provisions in favor of a performance-based approach specified as permit conditions for importation and interstate movements



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